

DNREC Division of Fish & Wildlife announces Delaware hunting seasons opening in January

Late deer seasons provide last chance to harvest deer

DOVER – For hunters still looking to harvest a deer, firearm deer seasons opening in January and continuing archery seasons, some extending into early February, provide the last chance to harvest deer during the 2019/20 hunting season.



Two does in the woods. US Fish & Wildlife Service photo.

Hunting seasons opening in January:

- Brant: Jan. 4 – 27
- Handgun Deer*: Jan. 4, Jan. 6 – 11, excluding Sunday, Jan. 5 and 12
- Shotgun Deer*: Jan. 18 – 26, including Sundays
- Muzzleloader Deer: Jan. 27 – Feb. 2, including Sunday, Feb. 2

*Straight-wall, pistol-caliber rifles are allowed during the January handgun and shotgun deer seasons.

Numerous other hunting seasons remain open in January. Check the [2019-2020 Delaware Hunting & Trapping Guide](#) for more information.

DNREC's Division of Fish & Wildlife offers many hunting opportunities on state wildlife areas. Wildlife area maps and rules are available at [Wildlife Area Hunting Maps](#).

A Delaware hunting license or License Exempt Number (LEN) is

required to hunt, and most waterfowl hunters require a Delaware waterfowl (duck) stamp. More information on hunting license and Delaware waterfowl stamp requirements is available at [Delaware Licenses](#). Waterfowl and other migratory game bird (except crow) hunters will need a Federal Harvest Information Program (HIP) number. To register for a LEN or HIP number, hunters can go to [Delaware Hunter and Trapper Registration](#) or call toll free 1-855-335-4868. For hunters age 16 and older, a federal migratory bird stamp is also required to hunt waterfowl.

To purchase a hunting license, either in person or online, hunters born after Jan. 1, 1967, must have a basic hunter education safety course card/number. Hunters who took a Delaware hunter safety course starting in 2008 can print their hunter safety card by going to <http://de.gov/huntersafety>. Hunters who took their Delaware hunter safety course before 2008 should call the Hunter Education Office at 302-735-3600, ext. 1 to obtain a hunter safety card.

Registered motor vehicles used to access designated wildlife areas owned or managed by the Division of Fish & Wildlife are required to display a Conservation Access Pass (CAP). Hunters can opt to receive one free annual CAP with the purchase of any Delaware hunting license. To obtain a CAP, hunters will need the registration card for the vehicle to which the pass will be assigned.

Delaware hunting licenses, Delaware waterfowl stamps, and Conservation Access Passes can be purchased online at [Delaware Licenses](#), at the license desk in DNREC's Dover office at 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901, and from hunting license agents statewide. Federal migratory bird stamps are available at U.S. Post Offices, Bombay Hook and Prime Hook national wildlife refuges, and online at [Federal duck stamps](#).

For more information on hunting, click and [Wildlife Area Hunting Maps](#). Hard copies of the guide and newly-updated

hunting maps are also available at the license desk in DNREC's Dover office. More information on hunting licenses, season details, and the Conservation Access Pass is also available by calling the DNREC Division of Fish & Wildlife's Wildlife Section office at 302-739-9912.

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